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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...when can we ever do it? It just sort of admits a failure of state government to ever prioritize those things that in the long term make it more efficient and make it work better. We need to take time to do that. We need to take the money to do that, systematically, periodically in this body, or otherwise our structures become archaic and useless, or if not useless, very, very inefficient. Businesses do this all the time. How many times each year do you hear about this business or that business restructuring? They do it because they see the need for organization structure change in order to be efficient, and when they do it, they don't preserve any jobs. They don't have the literally hundreds of safeguards that are in this bill to protect workers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: They just do it, and we need to do something like this, periodically.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield and Senator Beutler. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Connealy and eight others.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise with concern about the practical effects of LB 529. Certainly, the logistical impact probably wouldn't be that bad. However, it concerns me when the state comes in to replace local resources in carrying out truly a state objective in the court system. But there's really no assurance that there will be efficiency, because more dollars will be spent. It's just going to be state dollars on top of local dollars. That's my concern, that we're not getting to the bottom of the efficiency, as we would know it, and certainly as it would be measured in terms of the spending of dollars. I think it was pointed out earlier--I think Senator Janssen pointed it out--that the state taking over the assessors' offices, that, I have to say, has been kind of a mess. When some counties wanted to engage in that, the state said, no, dollars are gone, we're not going to do that anymore. And I'm not saying that would automatically happen with LB 529, but the concern is there. And I don't think that we want to do this simply because we have the money. I don't think that that